



Backcountry Management Planning (cont.)

General Management Plan completed in 2001

- Identified desired conditions (goals) for management of park resources and visitors.
- Outlined general strategies for management of park resources and visitors to achieve desired conditions.
- Identified management zones that describe how different areas in the park are managed; each zone describes a unique combination of physical, biological, social and managerial conditions.
- Identified need for additional backcountry management planning.

Wilderness Recommendation Environmental Impact Statement completed in 1974

- Found over 90% of the park eligible for wilderness. Forwarded to Congress for designation. To date, no action has been taken.
- National Park Service (NPS) policy states, “The NPS will take no action that would diminish the wilderness eligibility of an area possessing wilderness characteristics until the legislative process of wilderness designation has been completed. Until that time, management decisions will be made with the expectation of eventual wilderness designation.”

